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**Subject: Local Education Development Partner Group Appraisal and
Endorsement of the Sindh Education Sector Plan 2014-2018**

Dear Ms. Albright

The Development Partners within the Sindh Local Education Group (LEG) have appraised the Sindh Education Sector Plan (SESP) and consider it to be credible and ready to be supported by external partners. SESP establishes a roadmap for education in Sindh with clear accountability mechanisms for implementing the various components of the programme. SESP provides an impetus for free and compulsory education as guaranteed by Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan.

We confirm that the draft appraisal report was shared in writing with the LEG. Recognizing that there are some remaining challenges and recommendations for follow-up as noted in the attached appraisal report the Education Development Partners hereby endorse the plan. Given the financing shortfall identified in the appraisal report, the Education Development Partners also support Sindh's application for a Program Implementation Grant from the Global Partnership for Education in 2014.

Yours sincerely





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Endorsement of the Sindh Education Sector Plan 2014-2018

We, the Development Partners within the Local Education Group of Sindh, concur with the findings of the external appraisal report and endorse the Sindh Education Sector Plan 2014-2018, which has been developed through a participatory process to address the education priorities in Sindh Province, Pakistan. We recommend the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and more specifically the Province of Sindh, for a GPE implementation grant.

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